



# Merrick County Board Minutes



## **September 9, 2014**

The Merrick County Board of Supervisors met Tuesday, September 9, 2014 at 9:05 a.m. in the Supervisors Room, County Courthouse, Central City, NE, with Graves, Helgoth, Jefferson, Kucera, Hahn, Weller and Wiegert present. Also present was County Attorney Lynelle Homolka.

Moved Kucera, second Graves to convene as Board of Supervisors at 9:05 a.m. Roll Call: All Ayes

Notice of the meeting was given thereof by publications in the Republican Nonpareil and The Palmer Journal and on the Merrick County website. Proof of publication is filed in the Clerk's Office. Copies of the agenda were mailed to each Supervisor and kept current and available to the public at the County Clerk's Office.

Chairman Wiegert declared the meeting was preceded by publicized notice and having acknowledged and identified the location of the posting of the current copy of the Open Meetings Act, called the meeting to order and in open session at 9:05 a.m.

**Agenda:** Moved Kucera, second Jefferson to approve the agenda as presented. Roll Call: All Ayes.

**Minutes:** Moved Kucera, second Hahn to approve the August 22 and August 26, 2014 minutes as published. Roll Call: All Ayes.

**Meeting reports:** Graves attended a three day NIRMA meeting and a hospital meeting; Weller and Wiegert had a meeting with County Attorney Homolka to discuss order of business; Helgoth, Wiegert, and County Clerk Wichmann went to Boone County to review their payroll system last Thursday; and Jefferson has a NRD meeting.

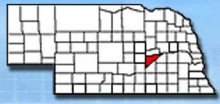
**Officials report:** Treasurer Bolte handed out her monthly operating statements to the Board. Extension Educator Tammy Stuhr gave the Board figures on what it costs to operate a 4H building with an arena that she had gotten from Syracuse, Ord, and Wahoo. Stuhr is working on a grant for the Nebraska Game and Parks for the Fair Board but the Fair Board will need the County as a partner. Ag Educator Troy Ingram said he is responsible for a report on crop progress weekly for an ag statistical program. Ingram got a grant to travel to the National Association of County Ag Agents National Meeting in Mobile, Alabama. He was asked to speak at the Nebraska Soybean Producers program and he has been put on a couple more committees.

**Tax asking:** The Ag Society's tax asking for the 2014-2015 fiscal year is \$50,592.00.

**Budget hearing:** Moved Weller, second Graves to open the budget hearing at 9:30 a.m. Roll Call: All Ayes. The Fair Board's tax asking does not include money for the water and sewer project or any costs associated with the building of the new 4H building. Brad Wells, Troy Wells, and Tyson Benner were present. Wells said that part of the building project would be to tap into the city water. Tyson Benner said he would like to budget \$330,000.00 but figured that would be too much. The County nor the Fair Board have budgeted any money for the project. Someone has to budget for the money to come in and to spend it. The County's hired CPA said that the Board could approve their budget today but if they make any changes it would have to be amended. If they amended later they would not get the tax money until next year. If they amended it now they would have 20 days to get the changes published. It would be the same for the Fair Board. The projected costs for water is \$86,250.00 and sewer \$85,822. Benner figured the 3 ½ capital improvement to be \$500,000.00. Tammy Stuhr said that both entities, Fair Board and County Board would be signing the contract. Moved Weller, second Graves to close the budget hearing at 10:32 a.m. Roll Call: All Ayes.

**Final tax request:** Moved Weller, second Hahn to open the hearing to set the final tax request for the 2014-2015 fiscal year. Roll Call: All Ayes. Moved Graves, second Hahn to set the final tax request for the 2014-2015 fiscal year at \$3,158,813.00 and approve the 1% increase. Roll Call: All Ayes. Moved Kucera, second Weller to closing the hearing at 10:52 a.m. Roll Call: All Ayes.

**Proof of loss:** Moved Weller, second Hahn to sign the Proof of Loss from NIRMA for the \$5,891.00 that disappeared from the Sheriff's Department in June 2012. Lori Sautter, Pat Wagner, and Mark Bonser shared with the Board their comments on the matter and the trial and documentation they have. Bonser wanted it on record that they Lori Sautter, Pat Wagner, Connie Dettman, Dave Sullivan and himself requested that the County Board review the documentation they had at trial before signing because it was not substantiated at trial that the money was actually missing. Pat Wagner said that if the money is not missing then the county is collecting money from their insurance company fraudulently. Weller said that he was withdrawing his motion and Hahn his second. Homolka said that she has not heard from the auditors that their recommendation was changing. Graves said that the insurance company goes off of the auditor's report. The County Board asked County Attorney Homolka to ask the State Auditor if their recommendation would change upon the outcome of the trial. Homolka asked County Clerk Wichmann to get copies of Sautter's records and give them to her and she would send them to the State Auditor. Bonser said they would get copies to Homolka and they would send copies to the State Auditor. Weller said that the auditors were the County's clients and Sautter said that she would get the copies to Homolka and Homolka could send them to the State Auditor. Weller told Sautter to remember that the \$1,000.00 that has not been paid would be nothing to what it is going to cost in hiring the state auditors for this. Moved Weller, second



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Kucera to table the signing of the Proof of Loss indefinitely. Roll Call: Ayes: Helgoth, Hahn, Graves, Kucera, Weller, and Wiegert. Nays: Jefferson.

**Stanard Appraisal Services Inc. Maintenance Agreement:** The Stanard Appraisal Services Inc. Maintenance Agreement for \$17,088.00 for 24 days per year at \$712.00 a day for appraiser time and anything over 24 days will be billed at \$89.00 an hour was presented for the Board's approval. Assessor Placke said if she did not use all the 24 days, she would not be charged for them all. Moved Weller, second Graves to approve the Stanard Appraisal Services Inc. Maintenance Agreement for \$17,088.00 for 24 days per year at \$712.00 a day for appraiser time and anything over 24 days will be billed at \$89.00 an hour. Roll Call: All Ayes.

**Stanard Appraisal Services Inc. Ag Review Contract:** The Stanard Appraisal contract to review the rural improvement at \$47.00 per parcel for 1530 rural residential ag improved properties was presented for approval. The cost is starting October 1, 2014, 19 months in the amount of \$3,595.00 and the 20<sup>th</sup> month being \$3,605.00 for a total of \$71,910.00. Assessor Placke said they would be responsible for paying the full contracted amount. Moved Weller, second Helgoth to approve the Stanard Appraisal contract to review the rural improvement at \$47.00 per parcel for 1530 rural residential ag improved properties. Roll Call: All Ayes.

**Gas Agreement:** Highway Superintendent Meyer presented a Gas Agreement for North Western Energy in Section 7, Township 11, Range 8 on Fort Kearney Road to repair a gas line. Moved Kucera, second Graves to approve the Gas Agreement for North Western Energy in Section 7, Township 11, Range 8. Roll Call: All Ayes.

**RESOLUTION 2014-17:** RESOLUTION 2014-17 was presented for approval authorizing the foreclosure and sale of Tax Sale Certificate #550. Moved Jefferson, second Kucera to approve RESOLUTION 2014-17 authorizing the foreclosure and sale of Tax Sale Certificate #550. Roll Call: All Ayes. RESOLUTION 2014-17 is on file in the County Clerk's Office for public viewing.

**RESOLUTION 2014-19:** RESOLUTION 2014-19 was presented for approval authorizing the foreclosure and sale of Tax Sale Certificate #552. Moved Helgoth, second Jefferson to approve RESOLUTION 2014-19 authorizing the foreclosure and sale of Tax Sale Certificate #552. Roll Call: All Ayes. RESOLUTION 2014-19 is on file in the County Clerk's Office for public viewing.

**RESOLUTION 2014-20:** RESOLUTION 2014-20 was presented for approval authorizing the foreclosure and sale of Tax Sale Certificate #553. Moved Graves, second Hahn to approve RESOLUTION 2014-20 authorizing the foreclosure and sale of Tax Sale Certificate #553. Roll Call: All Ayes. RESOLUTION 2014-20 is on file in the County Clerk's Office for public viewing.

**RESOLUTION 2014-21:** RESOLUTION 2014-21 was presented for approval authorizing the foreclosure and sale of Tax Sale Certificate #555. Moved Hahn, second Helgoth to approve RESOLUTION 2014-21 authorizing the foreclosure and sale of Tax Sale Certificate #555. Roll Call: All Ayes. RESOLUTION 2014-21 is on file in the County Clerk's Office for public viewing.

**Cleaning Service Contract:** The contract for cleaning service with Brite Express is up for renewal. A new contract was presented for approval from September to November. Moved Kucera, second Jefferson to extend the contract from September to December 31, 2014. Roll call: All Ayes.

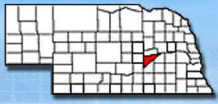
**SCALES:** The Addendum to SCALES Interlocal Agreement for Cooperative Law Enforcement Services with Adams, Buffalo, Hall, Dawson, and Phelps Counties, and Cities of Hastings, Kearney, Grand Island, Holdrege, Aurora, Lexington, and Cozad was presented to the Board for approval. The new addendum says the annual dues are currently \$1,000.00 set by the governing board. Moved Graves, second Jefferson to approve and sign the Addendum to SCALES Interlocal Agreement for Cooperative Law Enforcement Services with Adams, Buffalo, Hall, Dawson, and Phelps Counties, and Cities of Hastings, Kearney, Grand Island, Holdrege, Aurora, Lexington, and Cozad. Roll Call: All Ayes.

**August fees:** The August 2014 fees from the Sheriff, Clerk of District Court, and County Clerk were presented to the Board for their approval. Moved Weller, second Kucera to approve the August 2014 fees from the Sheriff, Clerk of District Court, and County Clerk. Roll Call: All Ayes.

**September 2014 claims:** the September 2014 claims were presented for approval:

## GENERAL

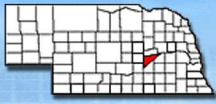
JOHNROSS ABOLD	PHONE/MEALS	\$	85.21
AMSAN LLC	SUPPLIES	\$	77.60
AS CENTRAL SERVICES OCIO	TECHNOLOGY FEE	\$	644.40
AUTO TRIM DESIGN	EQUIPMENT	\$	320.00
BAMFORD INC.	BLDG REPAIR	\$	200.00
JULIE L BELLIS	COURT COSTS	\$	58.50



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BOB BARKER COMPANY, INC	PRISONER BOARD	\$ 110.59
BRADLEY,ELSBERND,ANDERSEN,MUES,	ATTORNEY FEES	\$ 438.75
BRITE EXPRESS	CLEAN SERVICE	\$ 2,450.00
KEVIN CAMPBELL	CELL PHONE	\$ 30.00
CENTRAL CITY AUTO PARTS/SHERIFF ACT	CAR REPAIR	\$ 45.57
CENTRAL CITY MALL	FUEL	\$ 40.35
CENTRAL NE CREMATION & MORTUARY	CORONER	\$ 1,262.75
TODD CHURCH	CELL PHONE	\$ 30.00
CITY OF CENTRAL CITY/ UTILITIES	UTILITIES	\$ 3,411.93
CITY OF CENTRAL CITY	UTILITIES	\$ 78.34
CITY OF CENTRAL CITY	4H BUILDING	\$ 1,019.73
CLERK OF DISTRICT COURT/CC	COURT COSTS	\$ 166.43
CORNER DRUG	PRISONER BOARD	\$ 16.93
CURRY & ASSOCIATES, P.C.	ATTORNEY FEES	\$ 472.50
DEPARTMENT OF PATHOLOGY	CORONER	\$ 125.00
DISCOVERY BENEFITS	INSURANCE REIM	\$ 85.00
EAGLE COMMUNICATIONS	TELEPHONE	\$ 302.58
EAKES OFFICE PLUS	SUPPLIES	\$ 863.26
EAKES	SUPPLIES	\$ 14.98
ECO WATER SYSTEMS	OFFICE WATER	\$ 196.00
ELECTION SYSTEMS & SOFTWARE	BALLOT PRODUCT	\$ 5,088.56
FLEET SERVICES/WEX BANK	FUEL	\$ 1,934.75
GEO COMM CORP	MAINTENANCE	\$ 1,592.00
THERESA GOOD	MH BOARD	\$ 217.50
GREEN LINE EQUIPMENT OF CC	LAWN CARE EQUI	\$ 16.40
HALL COUNTY CORRECTIONS	PRISONER BOARD	\$ 178.35
HAPP PUBLISHING	PUBLICATION	\$ 322.01
HELGOth ELECTRIC	BLDG REPAIR	\$ 355.00
HOLIDAY INN OF KEARNEY	LODGING	\$ 239.85
LYNELLE HOMOLKA	CELL PHONE	\$ 30.00
HOST COFFEE SERVICE	PRISONER BOARD	\$ 96.00
CINDIE HOSTLER	MILEAGE	\$ 26.32
TROY INGRAM	MILEAGE	\$ 174.72
JACKSON SERVICES	SERVICE SUPPLY	\$ 184.00
JARECKI LAW PC LLO	ATTORNEY FEES	\$ 540.00
JENSEN PUBLISHING, INC	SUPPLIES	\$ 268.00
JENSEN PUBLISHING	SUPPLIES	\$ 199.50
JENSEN PUBLISHING	COURT COSTS	\$ 42.58
JENSEN PUBLISHING	PUBLICATION	\$ 434.05
JENSEN PUBLISHING	PUBLICATION	\$ 76.20
JENSEN PUBLISHING/P&Z	PUBLICATION	\$ 9.07
BRIAN KLUCK	MH BOARD	\$ 558.20
JIM LAUDENKLOS	CELL PHONE	\$ 30.00
LAURITSEN,BROWNELL,BROSTROM,STEHLIK	ATTORNEY FEES	\$ 7,503.75
LESIK CONSTRUCTION, LLC	BLDG REPAIR	\$ 850.00



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LEXISNEXIS	LAW LIBRARY	\$ 250.00
LITZENBERG CO. HOSPITAL	D&A TESTING	\$ 53.30
MARY LIVINGSTON	MH BOARD	\$ 396.00
LONE TREE MEDICAL ASSOCIATES, P.C.	PRISONER BOARD	\$ 111.00
LYNN PEAVY COMPANY	D & A TESTING	\$ 128.00
MAYER, BURNS, KOENIG & JANULEWICZ	ATTORNEY FEES	\$ 690.00
MCILNAY & CO	PLUMBING	\$ 92.19
MERRICK CO. CLERK	RECORDING FEES	\$ 30.00
MERRICK CO. COURT	COURT COSTS	\$ 287.00
MERRICK CO. HIGHWAY DEPT.	TRANSFER FUNDS	\$ 83,390.00
MERRICK CO. TREASURER	MISC EXPENSES	\$ 119.73
MICROFILM IMAGING SYSTEMS, INC	IMAGING	\$ 35.00
MIDLAND AREA AGENCY ON AGING	MEMBER/SUPPORT	\$ 6,002.00
MIPS INC.	SUPPORT	\$ 3,168.14
MIPS INC.	SUPPLIES	\$ 221.52
MYERS & DAUGHERTY, PC	MH BOARD	\$ 330.50
JENNIFER MYERS	MISC EXPENSES	\$ 345.56
NACEB	DUES	\$ 30.00
NACO	REGISTRATION	\$ 90.00
MISTY SINSEL, NCSEA TREASURER	C/S SEMINAR	\$ 75.00
NE HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES	INSTITUTIONS	\$ 279.00
NE INSTITUTE OF FORENSIC SCIENCES	CORONER	\$ 3,600.00
NE PUBLIC HEALTH ENVIRONMENTAL LAB	D & A TESTING	\$ 315.00
NORTHEAST NE JUVENILE SERVICE	PRISONER BOARD	\$ 1,338.75
NT&T	ELEVATOR PHONE	\$ 36.41
NT&T	TELEPHONE	\$ 101.81
NT&T	TELEPHONE	\$ 62.41
NT&T	TELEPHONE	\$ 72.98
NT&T	TELEPHONE	\$ 72.97
NT&T	TELEPHONE	\$ 84.43
NT&T	TELEPHONE	\$ 59.49
NT&T	TELEPHONE	\$ 46.03
NT&T	TELEPHONE	\$ 114.72
NT&T	COURTHOUSE FAX	\$ 49.74
NT&T	TELEPHONE	\$ 48.52
NT&T	TELEPHONE	\$ 59.71
NT&T	TELEPHONE	\$ 91.25
OFFICENET	SUPPLIES	\$ 161.73
OFFICENET	SUPPLIES	\$ 13.25
OFFICENET	EQUIPMENT	\$ 153.60
OFFICENET	COURT COSTS	\$ 203.87
OFFICENET	SUPPLIES	\$ 352.46
OFFICENET	EQUIP RENTAL	\$ 206.29
OFFICENET	SUPPLIES	\$ 109.87
OFFICENET, INC.	COPIER RENT	\$ 167.67





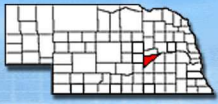
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JAN PLACKE	MILEAGE	\$	84.00
PLATTE CO SHERIFF	COURT EXPENSE	\$	31.72
PRINTING AND COPY SERVICES	PRINTING	\$	41.89
R R DONNELLEY	SUPPLIES	\$	103.62
COURTNEY ROOT	MILEAGE	\$	166.32
SACK LUMBER	SUPPLIES	\$	35.28
SEILER INSTRUMENT MANUFACTURING, INC	RENTAL EQUIP	\$	250.00
TAMMY STUHR	MILEAGE/SUPPLY	\$	238.79
T.O. HAAS TIRE CO.	CAR REPAIR	\$	1,074.71
THE THOMPSON CO	PRISONER BOARD	\$	2,338.54
TRUELL, MURRAY & ASSOCIATES	ATTORNEY FEES	\$	337.50
TYCO INTEGRATED SECURITY LLC	ADT SECURITY	\$	1,141.70
U.S. BANK	SUPPLIES	\$	90.24
UNL ITS COMMUNICATIONS CENTER	EQUIP REPAIR	\$	150.50
URBOM & ROWLEY LLC	ATTORNEY FEES	\$	247.50
VERIZON WIRELESS	TELEPHONE	\$	71.09
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VISA	SUPPLY/REPAIR	\$	863.94
REX WELLER	MILEAGE	\$	57.12
JOHN WESTMAN	CELL PHONE	\$	30.00
MARCIA WICHMANN	MILEAGE	\$	76.16
WOODS & AITKEN LLP	CORRESPONDANCE	\$	156.00
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>\$</b>	<b>144,835.28</b>

## ROADS

ACE IRRIGATION & MFG., CO.	STRUCTURES	\$	9,021.00
AGRICULTURAL SERVICES INC	MILESTONE	\$	120.00
AURORA CO-OP ELEVATOR CO.	RD MAINTENANCE	\$	222.00
BOMGAARS	SUPPLY/REPAIR	\$	108.49
BOSSELMAN INC/ROADS	FUEL/OIL	\$	30,240.77
CENTRAL CITY AUTO PARTS/ROADS	SUPPLY/REPAIR	\$	146.55
CENTRAL SAND & GRAVEL	GRAVEL	\$	13,810.54
EAKES OFFICE PLUS INC/ROADS	OFFICE SUPPLY	\$	1,027.84
GARY SMITH CONSTRUCTION CO. INC.	ASPHALTIC CON	\$	21,474.21
GILBARCO INC	FUEL	\$	17.00
GREEN LINE EQUIPMENT OF CC/ROADS	EQUIP REPAIR	\$	0.63
GROSSHANS, INC./ROADS	REPAIR/TIRES	\$	630.90
JIM HAAG	MILEAGE	\$	185.92
INTERSTATE BATTERY SYSTEM	EQUIP REPAIR	\$	221.90
ISLAND SUPPLY WELDING CO.	SHOP SUPPLIES	\$	31.80
JACKSON LINEN SERVICE/ROADS	SHOP SUPPLIES	\$	50.86
K & S TOOL SERVICE	SHOP TOOLS	\$	160.64
LITZENBERG HOSPITAL/ROADS	D & A TESTING	\$	26.65
MICHAEL MEYER	MILEAGE/EDUCA	\$	384.40
NEBR. MACHINERY CO.	EQUIP REPAIR	\$	1,049.59
NEBR. PETERBILT - FORD	EQUIP REPAIR	\$	511.64



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LEE NEEL	LAND RENTAL	\$ 50.00
NT&T/SHOP	TELEPHONE	\$ 51.75
NT&T/ROADS	TELEPHONE	\$ 61.71
OVERLAND SAND & GRAVEL	GRAVEL	\$ 1,684.29
POLK COUNTY RURAL PUBLIC POWER DIST	ELECTRICITY	\$ 34.85
JOHN E PROSOSKI	LAND RENTAL	\$ 120.00
SACK LUMBER CO./ROADS	SHOP SUPPLIES	\$ 336.28
SAPP BROS. PETROLEUM	FUEL	\$ 1,692.73
SOURCEGAS,LLC	HEATING	\$ 103.09
SOUTHERN POWER DISTRICT	ELECTRICITY	\$ 401.50
TRAUSCH DYNAMICS	SHOP SUPPLIES	\$ 1,348.33
VERIZON WIRELESS	TELEPHONE	\$ 98.94
VILLAGE OF CHAPMAN	ELECTRICITY	\$ 41.95
WELDON PARTS	EQUIP REPAIR	\$ 127.43
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>\$ 85,596.18</b>

## JUVENILE DIVERSION

JULIE BEYER	CELL PHONE	\$ 30.00
JARAH HOESCHE	GRANT WRITING	\$ 1,500.00
MERRICK CO. TREASURER	POSTAGE-JUVDIV	\$ 11.38
MERRICK COUNTY YOUTH COUNCIL	GRANT	\$ 10,000.00
MUSGRAVE TRANSLATION SERVICE	TRANSLATIONS	\$ 400.00
SARA MUSGRAVE	TRANSLATION	\$ 80.00
NT&T	TELEPHONE	\$ 64.62
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>\$ 12,086.00</b>

## INHERITANCE

CENTRAL PLATTE RESOURCE	MOORES CREEK	\$ 2,933.81
EAGLE COMMUNICATIONS	INTERNET/PHONE	\$ 195.95
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>\$ 3,129.76</b>

## E911

CENTURY LINK	TELEPHONE	\$ 250.76
CENTURYLINK	E911 PHONE SRV	\$ 414.67
CITY OF G.I. UTILITIES DEPT	UTILITIES	\$ 7.00
FRONTIER COMMUNICATIONS	E911 PHONE SRV	\$ 60.00
GREAT PLAINS COMMUNICATIONS	E911 PHONE SRV	\$ 239.10
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>\$ 971.53</b>

Moved Graves, second Kucera to approve the September 2014 claims as presented. Roll Call: All Ayes.

**Adjourn:** Moved Helgoth, second Jefferson to adjourn at 12:30 p.m. Roll Call: All Ayes.

/s/Roger Wiegert, Chairman

/s/Marcia Wichmann, County Clerk